



Department of Development Services  
Planning Division  
Meeting Minutes of the  
Historic Preservation Commission &  
Historic Properties Commission  
(Approved)

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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION &  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES COMMISSION  
WEDNESDAY, February 15, 2012**

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**Commissioners Present**

Michael O'Connell  
Greg Secord  
Alan Ambrose  
Lynn Ferrari  
Raphael L. Podolsky  
Jonathan Clark, Not seated  
Catherine Connor, Not seated

**Staff Present**

Roger J. O'Brien  
Ken Schwartz  
Jillian Hockenberry

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Chairman O'Connell called the meeting to order. There was a quorum. There were no alternates seated.

**I. Historic Permit Review**

- a. 206 Collins Street-Demolition of existing residential building and new construction of a 16 unit building. Applicant & Owner-Sigourney/Ashley/Collins LP

Ken Schwartz presented a summary of the application. He stated that the subject property was neither contributing nor noncontributing to the historic register due to a former building being demolished. He stated that the proposed building to be demolished in the center of the lot was not protected by a historic district.

Bill Crosskey, the architect, presented a drawing and discussed changes including not rebuilding the porch entry. Roger O'Brien stated that presenting new drawings at a Commission meeting was not following the rules of procedure.

Mr. Crosskey clarified that the only change from the original drawing was the entry porches and that the rest of the scope was replacing materials with like materials.

The Commission questioned whether the proposal before them could have been an administrative sign off due to the property being noncontributing. Mr. O'Brien stated that because the block face was in a historic district he felt it was important for the Commission to review the proposal in order to view the broader picture.

Mr. Crosskey discussed the proposal further by describing the demolition and the presence of the new building on Ashley Street. He also stated that they went before the Asylum Hill NRZ and there was no opposition from a historical standpoint.

On a motion made by Commission O'Connell, and seconded by Commission Ferrari, the following resolution was approved:

- Whereas: The Hartford Historic Properties Commission has received a application to demolish building #5 of the Sigourney Mews apartment complex located at 206 Collins Street. In addition the Hartford Historic Properties Commission has received a referral to review the appropriateness of the plans entitled Sigourney Mews 206 Collins St, Sigourney St, Collins St, Ashley St, prepared by Crosskey Architects, dated December 30, 2011 and revised February 15, 2012, and
- Whereas: The proposed building #5 is not considered a contributing building in the Sigourney Street Historic District. And
- Whereas: The proposed renovations on buildings 1 through 4 do not adversely impact the Historic Assets in the Sigourney Street Historic District, and
- Whereas: The modifications in buildings 1 through 4 do not adversely impact the character of the existing buildings, and
- Whereas: The proposed new three story building is compatible with the existing four buildings in terms of massing, fenestration patterns, and material selection, and
- Whereas: The proposed new three story building does use similar materials, fenestration patterns, as those found on buildings in the Sigourney Street Historic District, Now therefore be it
- Resolved: That the application to demolish Building #5 as depicted on drawings entitled Sigourney Mews 206 Collins Street Sigourney St, Collins St, Ashley St dated December 30, 2011 be approved and become effective as of this date: and be it further
- Resolved: The Historic Properties Commission recommends approval of the plans to rehabilitate Buildings 1 through 4 as depicted in drawings entitled Sigourney Mews 206 Collins Street Sigourney St, Collins St, Ashley St. dated December 30, and be it further
- Resolved: The Historic Properties Commission recommends approval of the plans to construct a new three story building as depicted in drawings entitled Sigourney Mews 206 Collins Street Sigourney St, Collins St, Ashley St.

dated December 30, 2011 and as presented and revised on February 15, 2012.

RESOLVED: This 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2012.

The following Commissioners voted in favor of the motion: O'Connell, Secord, Ambrose, Ferrari, and Podolsky.

## **II. New/Old Business**

### **a. List of permits**

A question arose regarding a historic review for a handicap ramp and Mr. O'Brien briefly discussed the guidelines that were used for such a review.

### **b. Discuss Commission Budget Request**

Mr. O'Brien stated that there were no specific items in the City budget for boards and commissions however that an architect position was being requested in order to provide further support of the Commission.

### **c. Discuss the submission of Annual Report to the Mayor and Council**

Mr. O'Brien stated that the Planning Division would begin to draft a report to the Mayor.

### **d. Continuing discussion of permit sign off protocol**

A discussion occurred regarding how administrative historic permits could be followed up on to certify that the work was properly done. Design guidelines for porches were also discussed and it was requested that they be brought to the next meeting.

## **III. Minutes-December 14, 2011, January 18, 2012**

The minutes of December 14, 2011 and January 18, 2012 were unanimously approved with corrections.

## **IV. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jillian Hockenberry, Planner

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Roger J. O'Brien, Secretary/Director